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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT

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PROJECT MENTIONED IN REF A IS A PETROCHEMICAL RATHER THAN PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION FACILITY. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORT ON IT - SEE PARA 6 REF B. IT IS A 50-50 JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN UPJOHN (POLYMER CHEMICAL DIVISION) AND OUIMIGAL, A PORTUGUESE PUBLIC SECTOR PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A 110 MILLION POUNT (50,000 METRIC TON) PER YEAR ISOCYANATES PLANT IN ESTARREJA, NEAR AVEIRO. THE NEW COMPANY IS CALLED ISOPOR. TOTAL INVESTMENT INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT \$50-55 MILLION. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER 1978, WITH TARGET COMPLETION DATE MID-1980. CONSTRUCTION IS UNDER TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF UPJOHN WHICH WILL SERVE AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESS DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUC-TION, SUPERVISION AND START-UP ASSISTANCE. EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES ARE TO BE ACQUIRED IN PORTUGAL TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ASSURE A 50 PERCENT PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTMENT. ROWELL

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